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April 7, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
IDENTIFICATION AND RECOVERY SERVICES WITH BOEHM AND ASSOCIATES  
(COUNTY CONTRACT NO. H209855) AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MED-LEGAL  
CONSULTANTS, INC. (COUNTY CONTRACT NO. H209854)  
(All districts) (3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign Amendment No. 2, substantially similar to Exhibit I, with Boehm and Associates (County Contract No. H209855), and with Southern California Med-Legal Consultants, Inc., (County Contract No. H209854) to provide Workers' Compensation Identification and Recovery Services (WCIRS) at County hospitals, health centers, and comprehensive health centers, for an additional seven months, effective July 1, 2005 through January 31, 2006, at the existing contingency fee rate on WCIRS collections.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

In approving the recommended action, the Board is authorizing the Director, or his designee, to sign Amendments No. 2 with Boehm and Associates (B&A) and Southern California Med-Legal Consultants, (SCMLC) Inc. to extend their respective terms for seven additional months to allow the Department of Health Services (DHS or Department) time to complete a Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

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The extension will assure the continued provision of WCIRS at County hospitals, health centers, and comprehensive health centers. The agreements with B&A and SCMLC are slated to expire on June 30, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Both contractors have agreed to maintain the existing contingency fee of twenty (20%) percent on WCIRS collections resulting from their activities. Maximum contingency fee for the additional seven months (July 1, 2005 through January 31, 2006) is \$421,667, and is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Proposed Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

In August 1998, as result of a competitive solicitation process conducted in February 1997, the County successfully contracted with B&A and SCMLC, for the provision of WCIRS to maximize potential workers compensation revenue for the Department of Health Services (DHS or Department). WCIRS provides a safety net function to current DHS' collection efforts to help maximize potential workers' compensation revenue. The Department refers patient accounts to B&A and SCMLC for WCIRS after the County's and its primary contractors' best efforts to collect have been effectively exhausted.

On June 4, 2002, the Board approved Amendment No. 1 with B&A and SCMLC to extend the term for one year with an automatic year-by-year extension for an additional twenty-four (24) months through June 30, 2005.

Amendment No. 2 will extend the respective terms of these agreements for seven additional months, through January 31, 2006, to allow the Department time to complete an RFP.

Exhibit I has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

Attachment A provides additional information.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

It is not appropriate to advertise amendments on the Los Angeles County Online Web Site as a contract/business opportunity.

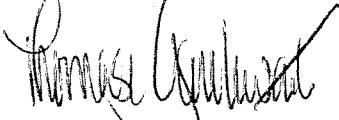
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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the amendments will ensure the continued and uninterrupted provision of WCIRS which has the potential to increase revenue.

When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas L. Garthwaite", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.  
Director and Chief Medical Officer

TLG:rm

Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor Controller

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. TYPE OF SERVICE:

Workers' Compensation Identification and Recovery Services (WCIRS) at County hospitals, health centers, and comprehensive health centers.

2. AGENCY ADDRESS AND CONTACT PERSONS :

Boehm and Associates (B&A)	Southern California Med-Legal Consultants, Inc. (SCMLC)
1321 Harbor Bay Parkway, Suite 250	200 Marina Drive, Suite One
Alameda, California 94502	Seal Beach, California 90740
Attention: Philip Boehm	Attention: Ronald Diller
Telephone: (510) 814-8424	Telephone: (562) 493-3341

3. TERM:

The terms of the amended agreements, H-209855 with B&A and H-209854 with SCMLC, will be extended through January 31, 2006 to complete a Request for Proposals. The agreements may be terminated for convenience, i.e., without cause with 30 days advance written notice.

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Both contractors have agreed to maintain the existing contingency fee of twenty (20%) percent on WCIRS collections resulting from their activities. Maximum contingency fee for the additional seven months (July 1, 2005 through January 31, 2006) is \$421,667, and is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Proposed Budget.

5. GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVED:

All Supervisorial Districts.

6. ACCOUNTABLE FOR MONITORING:

Patricia Adams, Chief, Revenue Management, Department of Health Services

7. APPROVALS:

Finance: Gary W. Wells, Director of Finance

Contract and Grants: Cara O'Neill, Chief

County Counsel (approval as to form): Robert E. Ragland, Senior Deputy County Counsel

## EXHIBIT I

Contract No. H-209855

WORKERS' COMPENSATION IDENTIFICATION AND RECOVERY SERVICES  
AMENDMENT NO. 2

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005,

by and between COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
(hereafter "County"),  
and BOEHM AND ASSOCIATES  
(hereafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain document entitled "AGREEMENT FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION IDENTIFICATION AND RECOVERY SERVICES", dated August 18, 1998, and further identified as County Agreement No. H-209855 and Amendment No. 1 thereto (all thereafter "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto to amend the Agreement to extend its term and make other hereafter described changes; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement provides that changes may be made in the form of a written amendment which is formally approved and executed by both parties.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. This Amendment shall become effective on July 1, 2005.

2. Paragraph 1, TERM, Subparagraph A, shall be amended to read as follows:

"1. TERM:

A. The term of this Agreement shall commence July 1, 2005 and shall continue in full force and effect to midnight January 31, 2006.

3. Paragraph 70, CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS AS A "BUSINESS ASSOCIATE" UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, shall be amended to read as follows:

"70. CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS AS A "BUSINESS ASSOCIATE" UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 ("HIPAA"): Under this Agreement, Contractor (also known herein as "Business Associate") provides services ("Services") to County (also known herein as "Covered Entity") in which Business Associate receives, has access to, or creates, Protected Health Information and/or Electronic Protected Health Information in order to provide those Services. Covered Entity is subject to the Administrative Simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information ("Privacy Regulations") and the Health

Insurance Reform: Security Standards ("Security Regulations") at 45 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 160 and 164 (together, the "Privacy and Security Regulations").

Privacy and Security Regulations require Covered Entity to enter into a contract with Business Associate in order to mandate certain protections for the privacy and security of Protected Health Information, and those Privacy and Security Regulations prohibit the disclosure to or use of Protected Health Information by Business Associate if such a contract is not in place.

Therefore, the parties agree to the following:

A. DEFINITIONS:

(1) "Disclose" and "Disclosure" means, with respect to Protected Health Information, the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner Protected Health Information which is outside of Business Associate's internal operations or to other than its employees.

(2) "Electronic Media" has the same meaning as the term "electronic media" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.

Further, Electronic Media means: (a) Electronic storage media including memory devices in computers (hard drives) and any removable/transportable digital memory medium, such as magnetic tape or disk, optical disk, or digital memory card; or (b) Transmission media used to

exchange information already in electronic storage media. Transmission media includes, for example, the internet (wide-open), extranet (using internet technology to link a business with information accessible only to collaborating parties), leased lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic storage media. Certain transmissions, include of paper, via facsimile ("FAX"), and of voice, via telephone, are not considered to be transmissions via electronic media, because the information being exchanged did not exist in electronic form before the transmission. The term "electronic media" draws no distinction between internal and external data, at rest (that is, in storage), as well as, during transmission.

(3) "Electronic Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "electronic protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. Further, Electronic Protected Health Information means protected health information that is: (a) transmitted by electronic media, and (b) maintained in electronic media.

(4) "Individual" means the person who is the subject of Protected Health Information and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal



representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(g).

(5) "Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity. Protected Health Information includes information that (a) relates to the past, present, or future, physical or mental health, or condition of an Individual; the provision of health care to an Individual, or the past, present, or future, payment for the provision of health care to an Individual; (b) identifies the Individual (or for which there is a reasonable basis for believing that the information can be used to identify the Individual); and (c) is received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, or is created by Business Associate, or is made accessible to Business Associate by Covered Entity. "Protected Health Information" includes Electronic Health Information.

(6) "Required By Law" means a mandate contained in law that compels an entity to make a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information and that is enforceable in a court of law. Required by law includes, but is not limited to, court orders and court ordered

warrants; subpoenas or summons issued by a court, a grand jury, a governmental or tribal inspector general, or any administrative body authorized to require the production of information; a civil or an authorized investigative demand; Medicare conditions of participation with respect to health care providers participating in the program; and statutes or regulations that require the production of information, including statutes or regulations that require such information if payment is sought under a government program providing benefits.

(7) "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, Use, Disclosure, modification, or destruction of information in, or interference with system operations of, an Information System which contains Electronic Protected Health Information. However, Security Incident does not include attempts to access an Information System when those attempts are not reasonably considered by Business Associate to constitute an actual threat to the Information System.

(8) "Services" has the same meaning as used in the body of this Agreement.

(9) "Use" or "Uses" means, with respect to Protected Health Information, the analysis,

application, employment, examination, sharing, or utilization of such information within Business Associate's internal operations.

(10) Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Paragraph shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Regulations.

B. OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE:

(1) Permitted Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information: Business Associate:

a. Shall Use and Disclose Protected Health Information as necessary to perform the Services, and as provided in this Paragraph's Sections, B.(3), B.(4), B.(5), B.(6), B.(7), B.(8), Subparagraph, D.(3), and Subparagraph, E.(2) of this Agreement;

b. Shall Disclose Protected Health Information to Covered Entity upon request;

c. May, as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities:

1) Use Protected Health Information; and

2) Disclose Protected Health Information

if the Disclosure is Required By Law.

Business Associate shall not Use or Disclose Protected Health Information for any other purpose.

(2) Adequate Safeguards for Protected Health

Information: Business Associate:

a. Shall implement and maintain appropriate safeguards to prevent the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information in any manner other than as permitted by this Paragraph. Business Associate agrees to limit the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information to the minimum necessary in accordance with the Privacy Regulation's minimum necessary standard.

b. Effective as of April 20, 2005, specifically as to Electronic Health Information, shall implement and maintain administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Electronic Protected Health Information.

(3) Reporting Non-Permitted Use or Disclosure and Security Incidents: Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity each Use or Disclosure that is made by Business Associate, its officers, employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors, but is not specifically permitted by this Agreement, as well as, effective April 20, 2005, each Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware. The initial

report shall be made by telephone call to Covered Entity's Departmental Privacy Officer at 1-(800) 711-5366 within forty-eight (48) hours from the time the Business Associate becomes aware of the non-permitted Use, Disclosure, or Security Incident, followed by a full written report no later than ten (10) business days from the date the Business Associate becomes aware of the non-permitted Use, Disclosure, or Security Incident to the Covered Entity's Chief Privacy Officer, at: Chief Privacy Officer; Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration; 500 West Temple Street, Suite 525; Los Angeles, California 90012.

(4) Mitigation of Harmful Effect: Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Paragraph.

(5) Availability of Internal Practices, Books and Records to Government Agencies: Business Associate agrees to make its internal practices, books, and records, relating to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information, available to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") for purposes of determining Covered

Entity's compliance with the Privacy and Security Regulations. Business Associate shall immediately notify Covered Entity of any requests made by the Secretary and provide Covered Entity with copies of any documents produced in response to such request.

(6) Access to Protected Health Information:

Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make the Protected Health Information, specified by Covered Entity available to the Individual(s) identified by Covered Entity as being entitled to access and copy that Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall provide such access for inspection of that Protected Health Information within two (2) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity. Business Associate shall provide copies of that Protected Health Information within five (5) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity.

(7) Amendment of Protected Health Information:

Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make any amendments to Protected

Health Information that are requested by Covered Entity. Business Associate shall make such amendment within ten (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.

(8) Accounting of Disclosures: Upon Covered Entity's request, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity an accounting of each Disclosure of Protected Health Information made by Business Associate or its officers, employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors. However, Business Associate is not required to provide an accounting of Disclosures that are necessary to perform the Services because such Disclosures are for either payment or health care operations purposes, or both.

Any accounting provided by Business Associate under this Subparagraph B.(8) shall include: (a) the date of the Disclosure; (b) the name, and address if known, of the entity or person who received the Protected Health Information; (c) a brief description of the Protected Health Information disclosed; and (d) a brief statement of the purpose of the Disclosure. For each Disclosure that could require an accounting under this Subparagraph B.(8), Business Associate shall document the information specified in (a) through (d), above,

and shall securely maintain the information for six (6) years from the date of the Disclosure. Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, within ten (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with this Subparagraph B.(8) to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.

C. OBLIGATION OF COVERED ENTITY: Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any current or future restrictions or limitations on the use of Protected Health Information that would affect Business Associate's performance of Services, and Business Associate shall thereafter restrict or limit its own uses and disclosures accordingly.

D. TERM AND TERMINATION:

(1) Term: The term of this Paragraph, shall be the same as the term of this Agreement. Business Associate's obligations under this Paragraph's subparagraph(s) B.(1) (as modified by Subparagraph D.(2)), B.(3), B.(4), B.(5), B.(6), B.(7), B.(8), Subparagraph D.(3) and Subparagraph E.(2) shall all survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.



(2) Termination for Cause: In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in this Agreement, upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate, Covered Entity shall either:

a. Provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement if Business Associate does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by Covered Entity;

b. Immediately terminate this Agreement if Business Associate has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible; or

c. If neither termination nor cure are feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary of the federal DHHS.

(3) Disposition of Protected Health Information Upon Termination or Expiration:

a. Except as provided in Sub-subparagraph b. of this section, upon termination for any reason or expiration of this Agreement, Business Associate shall return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity or created, or received, by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision shall

apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of agents, representatives, or subcontractors, of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.

b. In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make it infeasible. If return or destruction is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Agreement, to such Protected Health Information and limit further Uses and Disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such Protected Health Information.

E. MISCELLANEOUS:

(1) No Third Party Beneficiaries: Nothing in this Paragraph shall confer upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors or assignees, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.

(2) Use of Agents, Representatives, and/or Subcontractors: Business Associate shall require each of its agents, representatives, and/or subcontractors, that receive Protected Health Information from Business Associate, or create Protected Health Information for Business Associate, on behalf of Covered Entity, to execute a written agreement obligating the agent, representative, and/or subcontractor to comply with all the terms of this Paragraph.

(3) Relationship to Services Agreement Provisions: In the event that a provision of this Paragraph is contrary to another provision of this Agreement, the provision of this Paragraph shall control. Otherwise, this Paragraph shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the terms of this Agreement.

(4) Regulatory References: A reference in this Paragraph to a section in the Privacy and Security Regulations means the section as currently in effect, or may hereafter be amended.

(5) Interpretation: Any ambiguity in this Paragraph shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy Regulations.

(6) Amendment: The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Paragraph from

time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy and Security Regulations.

4. Paragraph 71, SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY, shall be added to the Agreement, as follows:

"71. SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY: Contractor shall notify and provide to each of its officers, employees, and agents, and shall require that each of Contractor's subcontractors providing services under this Agreement also notify and provide to each of its officers, employees, and agents, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. County's fact sheet is available on the Internet at [www.babysafela.org](http://www.babysafela.org). for printing and review purposes. Further, Contractor understands that it is County's policy to encourage Contractor and all of its subcontractors, providing services under this Agreement, if any, to voluntarily post County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at their place of business. County's Department of Children and Family Services will supply Contractor with the poster to be used."

5. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be subscribed by its

Director of Health Services, and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.  
Director and Chief Medical Officer

BOEHM AND ASSOCIATES  
Contractor

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT  
ADMINISTRATION:

Department of Health Services

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Cara O'Neill, Chief,  
Contracts and Grants Division

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Contract No. H-209854

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c. May, as necessary for the proper management and administration of its business or to carry out its legal responsibilities:

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b. Effective as of April 20, 2005, specifically as to Electronic Health Information, shall implement and maintain administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Electronic Protected Health Information.

(3) Reporting Non-Permitted Use or Disclosure and Security Incidents: Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity each Use or Disclosure that is made by Business Associate, its officers, employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors, but is not specifically permitted by this Agreement, as well as, effective April 20, 2005, each Security Incident of which Business Associate becomes aware. The initial

report shall be made by telephone call to Covered Entity's Departmental Privacy Officer at 1-(800) 711-5366 within forty-eight (48) hours from the time the Business Associate becomes aware of the non-permitted Use, Disclosure, or Security Incident, followed by a full written report no later than ten (10) business days from the date the Business Associate becomes aware of the non-permitted Use, Disclosure, or Security Incident to the Covered Entity's Chief Privacy Officer, at: Chief Privacy Officer; Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration; 500 West Temple Street, Suite 525; Los Angeles, California 90012.

(4) Mitigation of Harmful Effect: Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Paragraph.

(5) Availability of Internal Practices, Books and Records to Government Agencies: Business Associate agrees to make its internal practices, books, and records, relating to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information, available to the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") for purposes of determining Covered

Entity's compliance with the Privacy and Security Regulations. Business Associate shall immediately notify Covered Entity of any requests made by the Secretary and provide Covered Entity with copies of any documents produced in response to such request.

(6) Access to Protected Health Information:

Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make the Protected Health Information, specified by Covered Entity available to the Individual(s) identified by Covered Entity as being entitled to access and copy that Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall provide such access for inspection of that Protected Health Information within two (2) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity. Business Associate shall provide copies of that Protected Health Information within five (5) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity.

(7) Amendment of Protected Health Information:

Business Associate shall, to the extent Covered Entity determines that any Protected Health Information constitutes a "designated record set" as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 164.501, make any amendments to Protected

Health Information that are requested by Covered Entity. Business Associate shall make such amendment within ten (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity in order for Covered Entity to meet the requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.

(8) Accounting of Disclosures: Upon Covered Entity's request, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity an accounting of each Disclosure of Protected Health Information made by Business Associate or its officers, employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors. However, Business Associate is not required to provide an accounting of Disclosures that are necessary to perform the Services because such Disclosures are for either payment or health care operations purposes, or both.

Any accounting provided by Business Associate under this Subparagraph B.(8) shall include: (a) the date of the Disclosure; (b) the name, and address if known, of the entity or person who received the Protected Health Information; (c) a brief description of the Protected Health Information disclosed; and (d) a brief statement of the purpose of the Disclosure. For each Disclosure that could require an accounting under this Subparagraph B.(8), Business Associate shall document the information specified in (a) through (d), above,



and shall securely maintain the information for six (6) years from the date of the Disclosure. Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity, within ten (10) business days after receipt of request from Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with this Subparagraph B.(8) to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.

C. OBLIGATION OF COVERED ENTITY: Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any current or future restrictions or limitations on the use of Protected Health Information that would affect Business Associate's performance of Services, and Business Associate shall thereafter restrict or limit its own uses and disclosures accordingly.

D. TERM AND TERMINATION:

(1) Term: The term of this Paragraph, shall be the same as the term of this Agreement. Business Associate's obligations under this Paragraph's subparagraph(s) B.(1) (as modified by Subparagraph D.(2)), B.(3), B.(4), B.(5), B.(6), B.(7), B.(8), Subparagraph D.(3) and Subparagraph E.(2) shall all survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

(2) Termination for Cause: In addition to and notwithstanding the termination provisions set forth in this Agreement, upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate, Covered Entity shall either:

a. Provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement if Business Associate does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by Covered Entity;

b. Immediately terminate this Agreement if Business Associate has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible; or

c. If neither termination nor cure are feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary of the federal DHHS.

(3) Disposition of Protected Health Information Upon Termination or Expiration:

a. Except as provided in Sub-subparagraph b. of this section, upon termination for any reason or expiration of this Agreement, Business Associate shall return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity or created, or received, by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision shall

apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of agents, representatives, or subcontractors, of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.

b. In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make it infeasible. If return or destruction is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Agreement, to such Protected Health Information and limit further Uses and Disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such Protected Health Information.

E. MISCELLANEOUS:

(1) No Third Party Beneficiaries: Nothing in this Paragraph shall confer upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors or assignees, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.

(2) Use of Agents, Representatives, and/or Subcontractors: Business Associate shall require each of its agents, representatives, and/or subcontractors, that receive Protected Health Information from Business Associate, or create Protected Health Information for Business Associate, on behalf of Covered Entity, to execute a written agreement obligating the agent, representative, and/or subcontractor to comply with all the terms of this Paragraph.

(3) Relationship to Services Agreement Provisions: In the event that a provision of this Paragraph is contrary to another provision of this Agreement, the provision of this Paragraph shall control. Otherwise, this Paragraph shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the terms of this Agreement.

(4) Regulatory References: A reference in this Paragraph to a section in the Privacy and Security Regulations means the section as currently in effect, or may hereafter be amended.

(5) Interpretation: Any ambiguity in this Paragraph shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy Regulations.

(6) Amendment: The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Paragraph from

time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy and Security Regulations.

4. Paragraph 71, SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY, shall be added to the Agreement, as follows:

"71. SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY: Contractor shall notify and provide to each of its officers, employees, and agents, and shall require that each of Contractor's subcontractors providing services under this Agreement also notify and provide to each of its officers, employees, and agents, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. County's fact sheet is available on the Internet at [www.babysafela.org](http://www.babysafela.org). for printing and review purposes. Further, Contractor understands that it is County's policy to encourage Contractor and all of its subcontractors, providing services under this Agreement, if any, to voluntarily post County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at their place of business. County's Department of Children and Family Services will supply Contractor with the poster to be used."

5. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be subscribed by its

Director of Health Services, and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.  
Director and Chief Medical Officer

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MED-LEGAL  
CONSULTANTS, INC.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Print Name

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT  
ADMINISTRATION:

Department of Health Services

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Cara O'Neill, Chief,  
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